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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Charles E. Baumgartner et al. : Group Art Unit: 2834  
Serial No.: 10/706,840 : Examiner: Budd, M.O.

Filed: November 11, 2003

Title: METHOD FOR MAKING MULTI-LAYER  
CERAMIC ACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

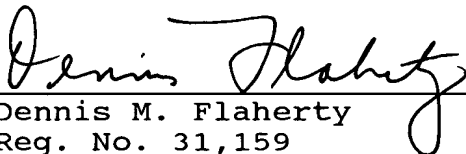
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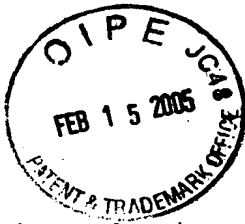
In the Office Action dated February 2, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has distinguished the following inventions: claims 23-28 (Group I) drawn to an ultrasonic transducer array with piezoelectric elements; and claims 1-22 (Group II) drawn to a method of manufacturing a piezoelectric device.

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-22 of Group II.

Respectfully submitted,

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